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## EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 88-3



## CACTUS LEAGUE BASEBALL

WHEREAS, Cactus League Baseball has been an integral part of the State of Arizona's history for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the League has provided considerable enjoyment for thousands of baseball fans over the years and has generated millions of dollars for local communities; and

WHEREAS, recent accounts have indicated that some Arizona teams are being offered opportunities to relocate to Florida; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is in a strong position to offer competitive opportunities and must be creative to protect the entire league and the future of baseball in Arizona;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona by the Constitution and the laws of this State I, Rose Mofford, hereby create the Governor's Special Task Force on Cactus League Baseball and order and direct:

- 1. The Task Force shall:
  - \* Strengthen Cactus League Baseball so the existing teams have a much firmer base in Arizona; and
  - \* Determine how to preserve and protect each team's commitment to keep Arizona its home; and
  - \* Strengthen the teams' economic interest in Arizona and consider providing facility support; and
  - \* Consult with team representatives, stadiums, operators, private developers, team support groups, tourism agencies, economic development agencies, and other affected organizations to achieve these objectives.
- 2. The Task Force shall be appointed by, and serve without compensation, and at the pleasure of the Governor.
- 3. The Governor shall designate from among the membership a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
- 4. The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chairperson.
- 5. The Task Force shall report its initial findings and recommendations to the Governor no later than October 1, 1988 and complete its work no later than June 30, 1989.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixth day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twelfth.

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Secretary of State

